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## ICTS Digest: April, 2015

To: ICTS Members

What's New with the ICTS? Check out the latest information in these areas of our website ([www.icts.wustl.edu](http://www.icts.wustl.edu)):

### ICTS Core Highlights

The Center for Administrative Data Research ([CADR](#)) announces two upcoming [AHRQ Webinars](#) featuring an *Overview of HCUP Databases* (April 15, 2:00-3:00 PM ET) and an *Introduction to HCUP Software Tools* (April 22, 2:00-3:00 PM ET). Registration opens April 8; details at [https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/hcup\\_web\\_wkshop.jsp](https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/hcup_web_wkshop.jsp)

The [Clinical Genomics Research Unit](#) joins other ICTS [Genomic Medicine Program](#) technology platforms that are now supported through the ICTS [Just-In-Time Core Usage Funding Program](#).

### Funding Programs

Representing ~9:1 ratio of new grant [return on initial investment](#), over \$91.5 Million of awards through 75 external grants have been identified as directly resulting from funding through the BJHF-ICTS Clinical and Translational Funding Program by the 2008-2013 cohorts.

#### [Just-In-Time Core \(JIT\) Usage Funding Program](#)

Due to funding provided by the St. Louis Children's Hospital and Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation, the JIT program has been extended to add support for projects leading to a **concrete improvement in patient care** at those hospitals.

Extramural funding success rates of 50% have been achieved by investigators attributing preliminary data secured through the JIT funding program to strong applications. JIT awardees report 24 external grants have been awarded for a total of \$44.7M.

### Education and Training

The Becker Medical Library provides guidance and classes on the new [NIH Biosketch Format](#). Upcoming sessions are scheduled in the Farrell Learning and Teaching Center 214

Monday, April 20: Noon-1 p.m. [Registration](#)

Wednesday, May 13: Noon-1 p.m. [Registration](#)

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Comparative Effectiveness Research symposium will be held on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 4 pm. Contact Rachel Lamp, [rlamp@dom.wustl.edu](mailto:rlamp@dom.wustl.edu), with questions or visit the CER website ([cer.wustl.edu](http://cer.wustl.edu)).

Registration is now open for Master of Science in Clinical Investigation ([MSCI](#)) and Master of Science in Applied Health Behavior Research ([AHBR](#)) summer and fall semesters.

### **Tools and Resources**

The ICTS [Dissemination and Implementation Core](#) provides access to and expertise in using the [Program Sustainability Assessment Tool](#). The tool can be used by stakeholders to evaluate data and assess impact of public health or clinical care programs. Look for additional toolkits from DIRC, resulting from the "[Next Steps in Public Health: Dissemination and Implementation Proposal Writing Bootcamp](#)" held on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

A wide variety of [Tools and Resources](#) are linked on the ICTS website. Resources for academic researchers, community partners, research coordinators, administrative staff and training grant directors are linked on these pages. Billing Matrix, Radiation Safety and the Proposal Development Toolkit are just three examples on the Research Coordinators page.

### **Upcoming Events/Deadlines:**

- **April 14:** [5<sup>th</sup> Annual Comparative Effectiveness Research \(CER\) Symposium](#)
- **April 16:**
  - [ACTS Translational Science 2015 Meeting](#)
  - [WUNDIR Meeting](#)
- **April 24:**
  - [Biostatistics Seminar Series](#)
  - [CRTC NIH Mock Study Section](#)
- **April 30:** [Research Coordinator Brown Bag Seminar Series](#)
- **May 13:** [HRPO/ICTS 2014-2015 Ethics Series](#) – Dissemination of Research Results
- **May 21:** [Epidemiology & Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series](#) – Methodologic issues of correct denominator, correct comparator and correct ways to estimate risk